

13 July 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Paul H. Nitze
The Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Review of the Greater-Than-Expected
Soviet Threat

1. The responsible components of the Central Intelligence Agency have reviewed the Greater-Than-Expected Soviet Threat in terms of its feasibility with respect to Soviet resources and technology, as you requested in your letter of 3 June 1968. The results of their review are attached.

2. Last year, at the request of OSD (Systems Analysis), we examined the detailed cost implications of the Greater-Than-Expected Threat and are prepared to do so again. This will require more complete program definition, however, and probably should await completion of the remaining sections of this year's NIPP. May I suggest that your staff continue to deal on this directly with the individuals in our Office of Strategic Research.

(Signed) Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

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